

HOUSE BILL 553

By Fitzhugh

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2,  
relative to absentee voting.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-6-201, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following language as a new subsection (b):

(b) A registered voter may vote absentee by mail according to the procedures outlined in this part in any primary election, election, or runoff election. A registered voter shall not be required to provide a reason in order to cast an absentee ballot by mail; provided, that the voter submits a legible scanned copy of evidence of identification, as defined in § 2-7-112(c), with the application for a by-mail absentee ballot.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-6-201(a), is amended by deleting the language “outlined in this part” and substituting instead the language “outlined in this part without providing evidence of identification, as defined in § 2-7-112(c)”.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-6-202, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(3)(G) in its entirety and substituting instead the following language:

(G) A legible scanned copy of evidence of identification, as defined in § 2-7-112(c), except as provided in § 2-6-201(a).

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-6-401(c), is amended by deleting the language “or that category of persons otherwise”.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.